

### REMARKS

Claims 5-12, 18-22 and 29-53 are pending with claims 5, 10, 18, 29 and 34 being independent. Claims 13-17 and 23-28 have been canceled, claim 5 has been amended, and claims 40-53 have been added by this amendment. The amendment to claim 5 finds support in Fig. 1 of the application, for example, as do claims 49-53. Claim 40 finds support in the application at, for example, page 22, lines 9-13; claims 41-44 find support in the application at, for example, page 30, lines 8-10; and claims 45-48 find support in the application at, for example, page 5, lines 21-23. No new matter has been introduced.

Claims 5, 7-10, 12-15, 17-20, 22-26, 28-31, 33-37 and 39 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Kim (U.S. Patent No. 6,265,833) in view of Ikeda (U.S. Patent No. 5,714,968).

With respect to claim 5 and its dependent claims, applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection because neither Kim, Ikeda, nor any proper combination of the two describes or suggests electrically connecting the first electrode of the EL element to a power supply line through the transistor of the pixel including the EL element. Since the rejection indicates that Ikeda '968 teaches that "the first electrode of the EL element is electrically connected to a power supply line (25)," the Examiner's position appears to be that a first electrode of the EL element 20 is electrically connected to the power supply line 25 through a transistor 23, as shown in Fig. 10 of Ikeda. However, the EL element 20 and the transistor 23 are included in different pixels and, accordingly, the connection of the EL element 20 to the power supply line 25 through the transistor 23 does not satisfy the recited feature that the first electrode of the EL element is electrically connected to a power supply line through the transistor of the pixel including the EL element. Accordingly, for at least this reason, the rejection of claim 5 and its dependent claims should be withdrawn.

Independent claim 10 recites, among other features, that each of the pixels comprises an EL element having two electrodes and a current control thin film transistor electrically connected to one of the electrodes of the EL element. Similarly, each of independent claims 18, 29 and 34 recites that each of the pixels comprises at least one thin film transistor having an active layer and an EL element having an anode and a cathode, one of which is electrically connected to the

active layer. Each of these claims further recites that the EL element is connected to the EL element through a switch.

Thus, in independent claims 10, 18, 29 and 34, the transistor and the EL element are provided in the same pixel, and the transistor is different from the switch. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because neither Kim, Ikeda, nor any proper combination of the two describes or suggests this feature of the claims.

The rejection indicates that, with respect to the EL element 20 of one pixel, the transistor 22 of the same pixel corresponds to the recited switch and the transistor 23 of another pixel corresponds to the recited transistor. However, this cannot be the case since the claims recite that the EL element and the transistor are in the same pixel. Accordingly, for at least this reason, the rejection should be withdrawn.

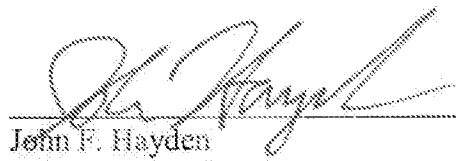
Dependent claims 6, 11, 16, 21, 27, 32 and 38 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Kim in view of Ikeda and Poulton (U.S. Patent No. 5,702,323). Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Poulton, which is cited as showing an information signal comprising a user's living body information, does not remedy the failure of Kim and Ikeda to describe or suggest the subject matter of the independent claims.

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

The fee in the amount of \$150 for three extra dependent claims is being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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